

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY f/k/a IES UTILITIES INC. AND HUMBOLDT RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-5
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued June 17, 2002)

On May 13, 2002, Interstate Power and Light Company f/k/a IES Utilities Inc. (IPL) and Humboldt Rural Electric Cooperative (Humboldt), filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2) and 199 IAC 20.3(9). A service area agreement between IPL and Humboldt is attached to the petition. No objections to the petition were filed.

IPL and Humboldt request the Board transfer from IPL to Humboldt the service territory in Kossuth County, Iowa, described as follows:

The East Half (E ½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of
the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Southwest
Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 17, Township 96 North,
Range 28 West of the 5th P.M., Kossuth County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Humboldt state that equipment to be used at a lagoon owned by Oak Lake Maintenance will require three-phase service. While the lagoon is currently in IPL's service territory, IPL does not have three-phase

service in the vicinity. Humboldt has three-phase service nearby and therefore can more economically provide service to the lagoon. There are currently no customers being served in the area to be transferred.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2001) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the IPL and Humboldt joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. IPL and Humboldt have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power and Light Company f/k/a IES Utilities Inc. and Humboldt Rural

Electric Cooperative on May 13, 2002, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of June, 2002.